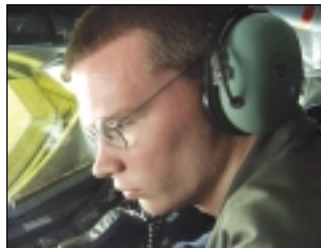


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Changes to ID checks in effect

All personnel entering Robins are reminded that they will have their identification fully checked by the sentries at base entry control points.

The sentries are required to physically check the front and the back of the ID card to ensure the continued safety and security of the work force.

Please have your ID out of its protective holder to present to the sentry and expedite entry for all.

— From staff reports

CE announces road closing

To improve security around the base and comply with current antiterrorism and force protection standards, the Civil Engineering Squadron is in the process of placing barriers around high threat facilities.

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command is one of those facilities. Part of this project is to close Perry Street north of Richard Ray Boulevard in order to create more controlled parking in this area.

The road closure will take place Aug. 14-15.

The road will be closed to all traffic. Visitors and occupants of neighboring buildings will be able to access buildings 220, 210, 221, 155 and 222 by driving north on Page Road or Byron Street to First Street.

— From staff reports

Airmen urged to sign up for myPay

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Starting Oct. 1, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will no longer issue printed copies of military leave and earning statements.

Officials are urging all Airmen to register with myPay by that date.

MyPay is an automated Web-based system that allows members to conduct pay transactions, even when deployed, in a secure electronic environment 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Although myPay will be mandatory only for military members, officials encourage civilians to also use the system. Live support will still be available through base finance offices to answer questions or provide customer service and pay transactions when necessary.

Personnel can sign up for a PIN on the myPay Web site, <http://mypay.dfas.mil>, or through the customer service section at their finance office.

— Air Mobility
Command News Service

Checkin' it out



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Members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron performed an anti-terrorist check around the perimeter of the base Tuesday. They checked for vulnerable spots that might allow unwanted base entry. The squadron continually assess Robins' perimeter to assure safety measures are in place. Above, 2nd Lt. Brian Lomax rides an all terrain vehicle during a check of the installation perimeter.

Helping agencies offer variety of programs to assist community

By Lanorris Askew

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For everything there is a season and according to Maj. Beth Zeiger for just about any problem facing members of Team Robins, there is a program here to help.

These programs are a part of the Integrated Delivery System, or

IDS, a committee of helping agencies committed to assisting those in need.

The IDS includes organizations such as the Family Support Center, Health and Wellness Center, Life Skills Support Center, Family Advocacy, Drug Demand

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What to know

The Integrated Delivery System coordinates helping agencies, which deliver responsive community care through proactive, comprehensive, and coordinated programs and services. For more information, call 327-7680.

‘Beer goggles’ give Airmen view of alcohol’s effects

By Holly J. Logan

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If you think it's OK to drive after having a few beers, fatal vision goggles may change your view.

Tanya Paul, an intern with the Health and Wellness Center, recently developed a program called BEAWARE (Basic Education of Alcohol: What to

drink, Ability to drive, Risk and Effects) to educate Airmen and the community on the effects of alcohol through special eyewear.

“The goggles simulate a person having different blood alcohol content levels,” Ms. Paul said. “When you're impaired by alcohol, it blurs and distorts

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Tanya Paul, an intern with the Health and Wellness Center, assists Staff Sgt. Lacreteria Wiseman as she tries out the fatal vision goggles.

AC-130 loses weight

Engineers design a lighter ammunition rack

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The AC-130H gunship's mighty arsenal has a new home that's lighter and more efficient for the low-flying hunter of the skies. And, according to its engineers and users the modification is making a positive difference.

The new ammunition rack is more than 1,000 pounds lighter than its predecessor — a weight reduction that doesn't show on the outside, but makes a noticeable difference aerodynamically.

Gene Etters, a Special Operations Forces Directorate equipment specialist here, said the gunships were originally built for missions over Southeast Asia which lies at sea level, but, the aircraft now flies missions where the terrain is much higher.

“With the heavy ammunition the aircraft carries, it wasn't able to get very high,” he said. “The higher you go, the less vulnerable you are to a ground-based threat, and to get higher we had to go into a weight reduction effort.”

Mike Hilton, LU aerospace engineer here, said the ammo rack was the perfect solution.

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Conference draws many to Robins

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The Robins Support Equipment and Vehicles Directorate held its annual Automatic Test Systems' Worldwide Users' Conference this week.

The conference, which brings government and Department of Defense contractors together from major commands, was held at the Robins Conference Center Tuesday through Thursday.

Marty Tucker, deputy division chief of automated test systems, said the purpose of the yearly conference is two fold.

“We invite all of our customers here to give them a picture of where we are in automatic test systems today,” he said.



Marty Tucker said this week's conference offered a look into the future of automatic test systems.

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**Robins
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“In addition to where ATS stands, the conference also offers a view into the future.”

Robins’ Support Equipment and Vehicles directorate is the manager of Automatic Test Systems, or ATS, and Automatic Test Equipment, or ATE. ATS are racks of components that test the serviceability of line replaceable units (LRU) or aircraft components and does diagnostics to identify faults.

“If an LRU is bad and it goes into an aircraft the tester identifies what the issues are,” said Mr. Tucker. “ATS trouble shoots so technicians can break the box down and repair it then run it back across the tester to prove the problem has been repaired. It’s now a serviceable asset and can go back into the Air Force inventory.”

“These conferences are to get our contractors and our government requirements folks in the major commands together so we can begin that enterprise management solution for the future,” said Mr. Tucker.

The three-day event consisted of briefings and updates on programs that are



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

ongoing in ATS.

“We’re trying to work an enterprise solution to ATS,” he said. “We’re working toward commonality and interoperability across the Air Force and across DoD. There are several DoD inspector general audits out that have basically said the Air Force and DoD in general needs to do a better job managing their ATS.”

Mr. Tucker said in the past everyone has been doing their own pieces of ATE, and they are trying to bring that together to get common solutions across DoD and the Air Force.

In the opening remarks to the conference, Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center

commander, said the task ahead was a hard one.

“Because it’s the service to our country and not the individual, what you do in here today is collectively bigger than you,” said the general. “You have a daunting task ahead of you, but the order of the day is to do what’s best to serve our country.”

“Your job is to help deliver what the war fighter needs, when he needs it and at a cost we can afford, or putting war winning capability in the hands of the war fighter.”

More than 100 people attended the annual conference.

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, gives the opening remarks at the ATS conference at the Robins Conference Center Tuesday. The conference focused on providing a current picture of automatic test systems.

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“We always have a challenge with the gunship and maintaining the correct center of gravity for safety of flight issues,” he said. “To manage our center of gravity we try to push it forward as much as we can. The more weight there is in the back of the air-plane, the more negatively it impacts the center of gravity. Since the ammo rack is stored in the back of the aircraft, it was the prime location for that weight reduction.”

After looking at the composition and weight of the ammo rack, they looked at new designs.

System engineers here received help from the designers at Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for building the rack, but the installation writing data for it and repairing it is done at Robins.

The new racks which were contracted to Rock Island Army Depot, Ill., were installed two years ago and are currently in use by the entire fleet of gunships stationed at Hurlbert Field, Fla.

Although the AC-130H is now more aerodynamically centered, what’s even more appealing to those who man the ship’s guns is that the new rack has a lot more storage room and easier access.

“The ammunition rack holds the ammo securely during flight and makes it readily available for use by the crew,” said Mr. Hilton.

“The gunners have to have a rack that these rounds are stored in so they can pull it off and put it in the gun. When they fire the shot they



Mike Hilton was one of the engineers that redesigned the AC-130’s ammo rack to make it lighter.

take the shell out of the gun and put it back in the rack.”

Three Airmen assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., gave their first-hand experiences with the new racks, but elected to have their names withheld for security reasons.

An AC-130 gunner, assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron, said one big difference is that prior to bringing the new rack on board, 25 percent of the rounds were kept in the front of the aircraft and 75 percent in the back.

“We now have all of our rounds located in the back of the aircraft, which keeps the other guy from having to shuffle ammo,” he said. “That saves time and allows us to get more rounds on target.”

Another gunner from the unit said the ease of accessibility as far as 105 mm rounds is the biggest plus for him.

“The old drawers used to lock up, and you’d have to have two people open the door if the drawer collapsed on them, and that would slow you down a lot,” he said. “(The new racks) took them out of the drawer situation and put them in the basic sleeves – which are locked in by a handle in the back. That also makes it easier to get the rounds out.”

This may all sound simple, but, when you are dealing with 105 mm shells – each about 33 pounds and 3 feet long, added distance and accessibility can be a very big deal. A pilot, also assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron, said they can carry a lot more fuel and ammo now.

“We can take off a little bit lighter too because we don’t have to have extra fuel,” he said. “It’s always safer to have a little lighter airplane. If we were ever to have a problem, it’s easier to maintain control of the aircraft if it’s lighter. It makes it safer for the whole aircrew.”

Mr. Hilton said the back rack was so successful, they are going to use the same technology on the front.

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your vision, so you think you’re walking on the line (in front of you), but you’re not actually walking on the line. When you give someone a high-five, you both have blurred vision so participants usually miss each other’s hands.”

The goggles can simulate a blood alcohol content of 0.08 (equivalent to the average person having three beers) to 0.15 (equivalent to the average person having six to seven beers) to help Airmen see the serious impact of alcohol consumption.

“You may think ‘oh, my vision isn’t that messed up when I drink,’ but it is and you don’t realize it because your brain is also impaired,” the 22-year-old East Carolina University graduate said. “I try to make people realize that if you can’t pick up a ball, or if you can’t walk a straight line, just imagine trying to drive a car.”

During her nearly three-month internship, Ms. Paul worked with the Life Skills Center staff to brief first-term Airmen on alcohol awareness.

The HAWC purchased the \$1,000 goggles to use as an educational tool to raise people’s awareness and lower DUI occurrences.

“It’s a great way to bring such a serious issue to people’s attention,” said Bridget Zimmerman, director of the HAWC, said. “People think they can drink and drive, and it won’t affect them – especially young people. This program is a great way to show them that’s not true.”

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Reduction, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Employee Assistance Program, Services, the Base Chapel, Organizational Health Center and Guard Family Matters.

“If you consider the four dimensions of wellness which include social, spiritual, physical and emotional, there are agencies to assist in every area,” said Major Zeiger.

Major Zeiger, who serves as the IDS chairperson, said maintaining a healthy, balanced lifestyle will help your resiliency in trying times.

“Building skills in advance and seeking support and assistance early is the best way to help life’s bumps in the road stay manageable,” she said.

For instance, the Family Support Center offers help with personal spending plans, deployments and transition.

“Our goal is to help people know what is available to them so they can become

self sufficient, meaning they can take care of themselves while still being connected to each other in times of need,” said Christine Parker, FSC director.

Ms. Parker said a variety of programs are available to active duty and civilians as well as Guard, Reserve and their immediate family members at Robins at no cost.

In addition, the Base Chapel offers a variety of spiritual programs to include church services and Bible studies.

The Health and Wellness Center can help with personalized fitness programs, smoking cessation and healthy weight loss.

Life Skills Support Center and Family Advocacy help individuals develop better coping, parenting and communication skills.

The Employee Assistance Program is the counseling service for civilian employees.

The 78th Services Division takes care of recreational needs, providing entertainment options and ways to connect with

people in a fun way.

“The IDS agencies can also come to your workplace on-base to provide briefings or workshops on a variety of topics, to include stress management, blood pressure checks, information on finances, deployment issues and communication,” said the major.

“You can access the IDS Web page from the Robins home page or call any of the member agencies.”



Maj. Beth Zeiger says it's important to maintain a healthy, balanced lifestyle, especially during trying times.



Christine Parker works to make sure Airmen know what the Family Support Center has to offer.

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Team work closes door on problem

Maintenance Directorate employees from two divisions tackle C-130 ramp and cargo door flaws

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Communication was the key to finding a solution to ramp and cargo door problems causing in-flight discrepancy write-ups during functional test flights of C-130s here.

There were 18 of 24 re-flies necessary in six months due to those write-ups.

According to J.R. Butler, a C-130 Lean Team process analyst, when one of the problems occurred, mechanics had to take their tools from the hangar and move to the functional test area on the flight line to fix it. The cost to fly the aircraft is \$12,000.

“That’s not counting all the hours it takes to fix it,” he said. “It can really add up to a lot if you figure every penny.”

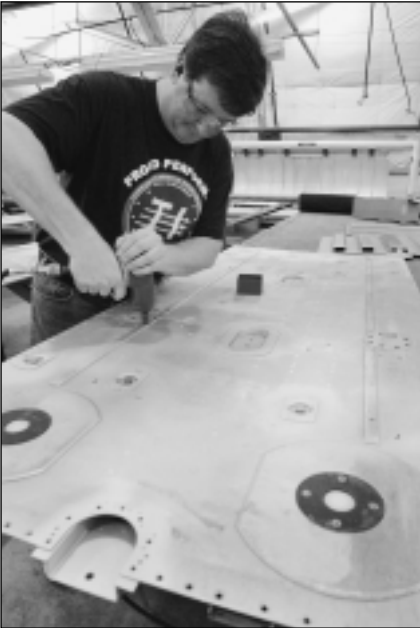
There were a significant number of problems with the ramp and door locking in flight, according to Randall Wisener, C-130 Lean Team process analyst.

“We had to figure out who touches the process,” he said.

By doing that, the group was able to determine the root of the problem and the steps needed to fix it. They knew the ramp and door are handled by both the Aircraft Production Division, and the Commodities and Industrial Products Division in the Maintenance Directorate.

The technicians of each were under the impression the other was inspecting and rigging the part. When the group got together, they discovered that neither was doing so because it wasn’t in the work orders for either division.

They also discovered the personnel being trained to rig the part



Charlie Cole, above, an aircraft sheet metal mechanic, installs fasteners on a C-130 ramp floorboard. Right, Milton Thomas, left, and Fred Styles, aircraft sheet metal mechanics, work overhaul of a C-130 ramp.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

weren’t the ones assigned to do the work.

Once the flaws were found, the team went to work on the problems. The workers in the Commodities and Industrial Products Division began performing the work.

Mike Odum, MAN C-130 shop supervisor, said it’s a common sense move to have his shop perform the work as the part is opened and accessible in MAN. Through the inspections, the shop is beginning to identify those parts which will need replacement or adjustments before the ramp and door are put back on the aircraft for flight.

In the Aircraft Production Division, technicians are being trained to adjust the equipment on the aircraft. They’re also working with people in the functional test flight squadron on ensuring the planes are level when checked.

Prior to the event, it wasn’t unusual for the technicians to have to rework the part on the plane. When parked, the plane would be in a lowered, uneven position. The group recognized that if the part was worked with the plane on a level surface, the job could be accomplished quicker and more accurately the first time.

The technicians also worked to

have the proper tools provided to accomplish this work. The team discovered that the proper tools were not available to check clearances on the ramp locks. They provided inputs on the design of prototype thickness gauges so that proper tooling could be acquired.

The team all agree that opening the lines of communication has been a big bonus to this process improvement event.

“The communication through the Lean event led to a lot of good things being accomplished,” said Mr. Butler. “Now you go talk to them and it’s much better. They’re all ears

when we walk in the door. They realize we’re trying to help them as much as we’re trying to help ourselves.”

And helping it is.

Mr. Wisener said that now, not yet 60 days into the new process, there have been no in-flight write-ups on the ramp and door of a C-130 which has been worked using the inspection and rigging system.

The team members who worked on this event with Mr. Wisener, Mr. Odum and Mr. Butler included John Dickinson, Ted Gibbs, Robert Smith, Joe Nelson, Will Martin, Jeff Brueck, Hugh Turner, David Turner and Dick Burch.

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Enlisted Dining Out to test Airmen’s mess rule IQs

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If you’re an enlisted Airman planning to attend the Enlisted Dining Out August 20, you may want to brush up on your mess rules or you could find yourself drinking from a toilet.

The Enlisted Dining Out gives Airmen a chance to build stronger relationships with fellow military members, while testing their knowledge of proper mess etiquette.

“A lot of times, we work together, but we don’t spend a lot of quality time together,” said Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, Center com-

How it started

The Air Force’s Enlisted Dining Out is a social event with a history that dates back to the late Gen. H. “Hap” Arnold’s “wing dings” in the 1930s. During those events, Airmen would come together for fellowship. Its traditions continue to be a way to bring enlisted military members together to build morale and camaraderie among the ranks.

mand chief master sergeant. “This gives Airmen a chance to get to know each other better and have a good time together.”

Those who attend and are

found in violation of mess rules will be directed to one of two grog bowls (fashioned from two brand new toilets) where they are expected to fill a cup from the grog bowl, drink the entire contents and place the cup on their heads.



Master Sgt. Shawn Holley serves as the Enlisted Dining Out Planning Committee chairman.

The event, coordinated by a 20-member committee, is the first of its kind at Robins and is open to Robins’ enlisted Airmen. Retired chief master sergeants are also invited to attend.

Different from the traditional military “dining in” - limited only to military members - the Enlisted Dining Out invites the company of Airmen’s spouses and friends.

“There are so many days that we walk past each other, as enlisted personnel, not knowing or socializing with individuals,” said Master Sgt. Shawn Holley, supply section chief for the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

How to get tickets

Tickets for the Enlisted Dining Out, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar, are \$20 for master sergeants through chief master sergeants, \$16 for staff and technical sergeants and \$12 for Airmen. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Shawn Holley, event chairman, at 926-5636.

who serves as the Enlisted Dining Out Planning Committee chairman. “This may be the first time we come together to express our grati-

tude for one another and really get to know each other on a personal level.”

Airmen are expected to wear mess dress or semi-formal dress mess and their civilian guests are asked to dress formal or semi-formal for the event.

Robins Enlisted Dining Out coins will be presented to those who attend, said Master Sgt. Holley.

Chief Doolittle said he encourages all enlisted to take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate history and relax.

“Come out and have a good time,” he said. “But be sure to sharpen your mess skills so you won’t have to visit the grog bowl.”

Airman’s actions come to light after a recent accident

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Staff Sgt. John R. Wright had just come off night shift at Robins when his quick-thinking and immediate response to an accident made him a hero in some people’s eyes.



Sergeant Wright, an avionics specialist with the 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was driving home on Ga. Highway 247 when he came across a car accident that left 28-year-old Christy Sloat, a computer technician with the Houston County Board of Education’s School Nutrition program and pregnant mother of two, in a life-threatening condition.

“I was coming home from work down 247 like I usually do every morning, and I noticed her truck was across two lanes of traffic,” he said. “I parked the car to check out the situation and found her sitting on the ground rocking back and forth.”

While 1st Lt. Sandy Smock, an intelligence officer with the 330th Combat Training Squadron, worked to keep Mrs. Sloat calm, Sergeant Wright, a 34-year-old Columbus, Ga. native, searched the stretch of highway for the injured woman’s severed arm.

Staff Sgt. John R. Wright used his uniform belt to make a tourniquet to stop the bleeding of an accident victim July 7. The victim, Christy Sloat, lost her arm in the accident on 247.

What to know

When the Rev-Up originally published an article on the accident that injured Christy Sloat, the other Robins employees who stopped to help couldn’t identify Staff Sgt. John Wright. When his supervisor read the story he contacted the Rev-up staff to let us know who he is. This is his story.

“When I came upon her, I noticed her arm was missing,” he said. “All my training in self aid and body care flashed before me, and I took off my uniform belt and made a tourniquet to stop the bleeding.”

Once the sergeant applied the makeshift tourniquet, he went to a nearby trailer for ice and a bag to protect the arm until emergency crews could arrive.

“I had to stay calm,” he said. “If you panic, nothing gets done. I was there to help. If I see someone broken down or hurt, I stop. I would hope someone would do the same for me.”

While Sergeant Wright saw his actions as ordinary, others viewed them as extraordinary.

“I’m very grateful to have the opportunity to thank him,” Mrs. Sloat said. “It was a good gesture for him to take time to help me in a situation that would’ve grossed some people out. That says a lot about his character.”

Editor’s note: Mrs. Sloat underwent emergency surgery on July 7 for injuries sustained in an automobile accident that same morning. She recently had an amputation revision surgery to reshape her damaged limb and close the wound. She is currently recovering while waiting to be fitted for a prosthetic limb.

A new beginning



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Ashley Barron recently joined the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron as part of a program aimed to fill in-demand career fields.

Retrain program sends Black Knight to 52nd Combat Communications Squadron

By Holly J. Logan
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Tech. Sgt. Ashley Barron never imagined the day would come when he and the KC-135R he has maintained for 12 years would part ways with Robins’ flight line.

The sergeant, who came to the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in 1990, recently became a communications system control technician for the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron as part of the 2003 Noncommissioned Officer Mandatory Retrain Program, a two-part program designed to retrain enlisted military members for under-staffed career fields.

The KC-135R, tail number 0294, recently departed for Selfridge Air

National Guard Base, Mich.

“One part of my career is over and another part is beginning,” he said. “I think it’s an opportunity for a new start and a chance to learn new skills, but I’m really going to miss being on the flight line with my crew.”

Sergeant Barron trained for four months at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., in preparation for his new role with the 52nd CBCS.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Denney, crew chief section chief with the 19th AMXS who has worked closely with the 32-year-old North Carolina native for years, said Sergeant Barron will be greatly missed by all who worked by his side for more than a decade.

“He’s basically our go-to guy,” he said. “It’s definitely a big loss for us.”

What to know

For more information on the Noncommissioned Officer Retrain Program, contact Master Sgt. Walter Smith, noncommissioned officer in charge with the Military Personnel Flight’s Retraining Office, at 327-7352.

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Tech. Sgt. Ashley Barron
52nd Combat Communications Squadron

Base agencies come together to help military with permanant change of station

By Holly J. Logan
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Permanent change of station moves can often be physically and mentally draining, but April Alford said the Family Support Center’s Smooth Move briefing makes the tiring process more convenient.

The briefing, coordinated by the Family Support Center for more than a decade, brings representatives from the Military Personnel Flight, Traffic Management Flight, Base Housing and other base

smart move

How to make PCSing less stressful

What to know

Smooth Move is a briefing offered monthly by the Family Support Center. Briefings are held in Room 159 in Building 905 and are open to all military and their spouses. Childcare is available through the home daycare program. Junior Smooth Move is a briefing offered six times a year for children ages 6-12. For more information, contact the Family Support Center at 926-1256 or 926-3453.

agencies together to save military members and their spouses time and energy.

“It helped us a lot,” said Mrs. Alford, who along with her husband, Senior Airman Jerron Alford with the 78th Security Forces Squadron,

will soon be moving to Croughton Royal Air Force Base, England. “I could ask all of my questions at once and there was someone - a live person - to answer my questions on the spot.”

Bill Heaberg, a community readiness technician with the FSC, said the four-hour briefing is full of information vital to making the PCS process a smooth experience.

“The thing that I like most is watching people who come in and they’re really nervous - and by the time we’re finished, so many of their questions have been answered,” he said. “You can just see the relief on their faces. It’s great.”

Mr. Heaberg, who is one of six FSC staff members who present the briefing, said all

military members and their spouses are encouraged to attend, however, children ages 6-12 are invited to a slightly different briefing aimed at meeting their special needs.

“Because we discourage children from attending the Smooth Move briefing, we have created Junior Smooth Move for the kids,” he said. “We play games and sing songs to help them understand the moving process. We give them coloring books that show the PCS sequence and usually show them where they’re going on a map to make the PCS process like a game to make it easier for them.”

Each child attending the kid-friendly briefing must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



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Bill Heaberg gives a Smooth Move briefing about Middle Georgia. The briefing is offered monthly by the Family Support Center.

Childcare is available for younger children through the home childcare program at Robins. Up to 20 hours of free daycare is provided through

the Air Force Aid Society. Registration for Smooth Move and Junior Smooth Move isn’t required, but is recommended.

Major commands highlight support, sustainment issues

By Capt. David Huxsoll
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Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – Finding better ways to keep existing systems around longer and support air mobility warriors was the hot topic here July 24 as Air Force acquisition and sustainment officials met with Air Mobility Command leaders.

Dr. Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, Gen. Gregory S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, and Gen. John W. Handy, Air Mobility Command commander chaired the meeting which included 11 other general officers, members of the senior executive service, and their staffs.

They discussed new aircraft acquisition, improvements to existing weapons systems and sustaining legacy systems.

General Martin said the meeting was a very valuable tool for Air Force-level acquisition and AFMC officials, “to better understand the needs for AMC in the areas of acquisition and sustainment.

Officials from AFMC highlighted ways AFMC and AMC logistics partnerships reduced programmed depot maintenance flow days as much as 42 percent, and increased depot production capacity as much as 32 percent.

“We have a team that cares about doing what’s right,” General Martin said. “We’re providing support to the war fighter as never

seen before.”

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, attended the meetings and was equally upbeat.

“The great work force at Robins keeps much of the AMC fleet in the air,” he said. “I had the chance to meet with AMC leaders to discuss ways we can serve them better by synchronizing our programmed depot maintenance, parts support and technical expertise with the AEF battle rhythm. We’re working these issues together and the Air Force is seeing the results.”

General Handy agreed to the meeting’s value, saying, “You can’t put a price on these discussions.” There’s no other way to address these issues unless we sit down together and come to an agreement on how to proceed.”

The director of the Air Force Fleet Viability Board, which recently completed its assessment of the C-5A fleet, briefed the group on its processes and findings. Board members are provid-

ing the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff a judgment of a fleet’s viable service life within a six, 14 and 25-year span, providing indicators of the cost of continued ownership, aircraft availability and operational health. Next up for the board is assessing the KC-135E and KC-135R fleets.

The group addressed positive steps being taken to ensure the C-130J is ready to perform in a combat environment no later than December 2004. The aircraft, a top priority for AMC, are now performing non-combat operational missions. Lockheed Martin has delivered thirty-five of the new tactical airlifters to the Air Force since 1999.

Other topics included enhancing communications for passengers on the C-32 and C-40 and sustainment approaches for the Tunner and Halvorsen aircraft cargo loaders managed by the Warner Robins ALC. Group members also touched on fielding Large Aircraft Countermeasures and Roll-On Beyond line-of Sight Enhancement systems for the KC-135.

LAIRCM provides a laser-based self protection capability for large AMC airlifters against widely proliferated infrared missiles. The ROBE system, part of the Air Force’s “smart tanker” concept, is a communications pallet that allows KC-135s flying air refueling missions to relay communications data from battle directors to network users in a theater of operations.



Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, met with Air Mobility Command officials to discuss how to sustain existing systems.

FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM SCHEDULE						
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga						
Effective Sunday						
WG – nonsupervisory		Step				
Grade	1	11.05	11.54	12.01	12.49	12.98
	2	12.13	12.59	13.15	13.64	14.15
	3	13.21	13.76	14.31	14.86	15.41
	4	13.92	14.50	15.08	15.66	16.23
	5	14.90	15.53	16.15	16.77	17.39
	6	15.65	16.31	16.96	17.62	18.26
	7	16.41	17.10	17.78	18.47	19.14
	8	17.16	17.88	18.59	19.31	20.02
	9	17.92	18.67	19.41	20.16	20.91
	10	18.67	19.44	20.22	21.00	21.78
	11	19.37	20.17	20.97	21.78	22.58
	12	19.98	20.82	21.66	22.49	23.32
	13	20.61	21.47	22.32	23.19	24.05
	14	21.27	22.16	23.05	23.93	24.82
	15	21.95	22.87	23.79	24.69	25.61
WL – leader		Step				
Grade	1	12.21	12.71	13.23	13.74	14.28
	2	13.37	13.92	14.47	15.04	15.58
	3	14.53	15.13	15.74	16.34	16.95
	4	15.32	15.95	16.59	17.23	17.87
	5	16.39	17.08	17.76	18.44	19.12
	6	17.22	17.94	18.66	19.37	20.09
	7	18.06	18.81	19.56	20.32	21.07
	8	18.87	19.66	20.45	21.23	22.02
	9	19.71	20.54	21.36	22.18	23.00
	10	20.54	21.39	22.24	23.10	23.95
	11	21.29	22.19	23.07	23.96	24.85
	12	21.98	22.90	23.82	24.73	25.66
	13	22.68	23.61	24.56	25.50	26.45
	14	23.40	24.38	25.36	26.33	27.31
	15	24.15	25.15	26.16	27.17	28.17
WG – supervisory		Step				
Grade	1	17.40	18.13	18.85	19.58	20.30
	2	18.10	18.86	19.62	20.37	21.13
	3	18.81	19.59	20.37	21.16	21.94
	4	19.52	20.33	21.14	21.95	22.77
	5	20.50	21.36	22.21	23.06	23.92
	6	21.25	22.14	23.02	23.90	24.80
	7	22.01	22.93	23.84	24.75	25.68
	8	22.76	23.70	24.65	25.60	26.55
	9	23.52	24.49	25.47	26.46	27.43
	10	24.27	25.27	26.28	27.30	28.31
	11	24.89	25.93	26.97	28.01	29.03
	12	25.72	26.79	27.86	28.93	30.00
	13	26.74	27.85	28.96	30.07	31.20
	14	27.95	29.12	30.28	31.45	32.61
	15	29.36	30.58	31.81	33.02	34.25
Shift differentials:		16	17	18	19	
2nd shift: 7.5%		30.95	32.23	33.52	34.81	36.10
3rd shift: 10.0%		32.74	34.10	35.47	36.84	38.20
		34.73	36.17	37.62	39.06	40.52
		36.47	37.99	39.51	41.03	42.55

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Senior NCO Corps Induction ceremony

The Robins Senior Noncommissioned Officer Corps Induction ceremony is today at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar. Chief Master Sgt. Reginald R. Williams Sr., 96th Mission Support Group superintendent, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., will be the guest speaker. For tickets, see your unit representative.

Troops to Teachers

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center, Building 905, Room 245, Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m., to take questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

For more information, contact Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com or Fran Sheridan at 327-7325 or visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.

Quarterly awards ceremony

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander will host the quarterly awards ceremony Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar. Robins’ outstanding performers from the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, 116th Air Control Wing, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, 78th Air Base Wing, 19th Air Refueling Group and the 5th Combat Communications Group will be honored. The Spirit Award trophy will be presented to the unit displaying the most spirit and pride. Here are this quarter’s nominees:

- Company Grade Officer**
 - Capt. Kenneth B. Herndon, 78th ABW
 - Capt. Paul J. Maykish, 116th ACW
 - Capt. Rodney S. Sistare, 5th CCG
 - Capt. Todd A. Walker, 19th ARG
 - 1st Lt. Danzel W. Albertsen, WR-ALC
 - 2nd Lt. Eric L. Doggett, HQ AFRC
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer**
 - Senior Master Sgt. Oliviu Muja, HQ AFRC
 - Senior Master Sgt. David W. Patterson, 116th ACW
 - Senior Master Sgt. William C. Russell, 19th ARG
 - Master Sgt. Carlos A.

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- Jerry W. Vincent
- Carol M. Watson
- Robert M. Whitley

- Dorego, 78th ABW
- Master Sgt. Michael W. Forgue, WR-ALC
- Master Sgt. Michael W. Hurt, 5th CCG
- Noncommissioned Officer**
 - Tech. Sgt. Helen V. Blackshire, RNCOA
 - Tech. Sgt. Michael K. Chastain, 78th ABW
 - Tech. Sgt. William G. Lafoy, WR-ALC
 - Staff Sgt. Gemma C. Bartek, 5th CCG
 - Staff Sgt. Terry D. Ellington, HQ AFRC

- Staff Sgt. Bryan M. Hackett, 19th ARG
- Staff Sgt. Anngela G. Robinson, 116th ACW
- Airman**
 - Senior Airman Shawn R. Alexander, WR-ALC
 - Senior Airman Bryan E. Allebone, 78th ABW
 - Senior Airman Casey C. Givens, 5th CCG
 - Senior Airman Crystal J. Lawson-Walls, 19th ARG
 - Senior Airman Michael P. Richter, HQ AFRC
 - Airman 1st Class Linda E.

- Tawater, 116th ACW
- For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jessica R. Jackson, WR-ALC/CCC, 926-0792.

OSC coffee

The Robins Officers’ Spouses’ Club special activities coffee will be Aug. 19 at the Museum of Aviation from 10 a.m. - noon. This is a free event with representatives from both Robins and the surrounding communities. Come out and see what the Robins Officers’ Spouses’ Club and

Middle Georgia has to offer you. For more information, contact Jenny Braden, special activities chairman, at 923-3938.

School registration

Parents who are new to and reside on base may register their children in Robins Elementary School Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. School starts Aug. 16. For more information, call the school at 926-5003.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony
Col. Greg F. Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony Aug. 31, 3:30 p.m., at the Vista Scope Theater, Museum of Aviation. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

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Establishing one’s priorities: faith, family, job

By Michael O'Hara
Director, Civilian Personnel

A few months back I was privileged to attend Maj. Gen. Mike Collings’ Commander’s Call. Actually, I attended six of those Commander’s Calls. I did so both to be available to answer questions pertinent to personnel management issues and also because I’m somewhat of a slow study.

Frankly, I had a fairly clear understanding of General Collings’ message regarding our upcoming reorganization early on. However, I truly needed all six sessions to understand his other messages about life, work and family. Each time I heard him

repeat those messages they took on greater meaning within the context of my own life. Each time I heard his message I was better able to attach it to a moment or instance in my own experience which provided better insight into how I acted, reacted or felt at a specific point in time.

In my own case, I have found that I learn best when I can borrow bits and pieces from others and relate those insights in a practical sense to my own life. In that regard, General Collings’ advice - advice which came from the heart - resonated with me.

He said that we should seek balance in our lives - balance which focuses on one’s faith,

one’s family, and one’s job. He strongly hinted that should one allow a manifest imbalance to occur, trouble would soon follow - trouble exhibited by excessive anxiety, physical illness or spiritual pain. To me, his message was both meaningful and thought provoking.

In a sense, it was a wake up call of sorts. For some time, I had spent too much time working and worrying about work at the expense of both my faith, and to a lesser degree, my family.

Certainly, I felt as though something was missing, but couldn’t put my finger on the cause until I pondered his words. I knew that I felt a

sense of uneasiness and sadness, but really didn’t know exactly why.

After six doses of his Commander’s Call, I was finally able to put two and two together to identify the root cause; imbalances in my life. I was also able to understand another subtle point he made; you and I are in control of the balance or lack thereof in our lives.

Like most issues in life, it’s a matter of personal choice versus an imposition via external forces. I know there must be many others out there who have that same feeling of uneasiness that I felt. For some, it’s so obtuse one can’t discern its cause. For others

who know the cause, it’s simply too difficult to change. As they say; old habits die hard.

Change is also seldom revolutionary. To the contrary, it’s most often incremental. However, I firmly believe that once people choose to recalibrate their priorities, thus bringing their life into balance, good things will happen.

Many of us can deal with this challenge individually; others need assistance in doing so. That assistance can come from a friend, mentor, relative, pastor or clinical provider. There is no shame in one seeking help and support - it’s there for all of us for the asking.

All things considered, all of

us have a pretty good deal in Middle Georgia and at Robins Air Force Base. As I have told so many here, I feel great when I leave my office late in the afternoon in February with the birds singing and a temperature of 53 degrees. I have rarely had it better in my 31 years with the Air Force.

From where I sit, the dark clouds at Robins are merely transitory - tomorrow will always bring a better day. I ask each of you to consider General Collings’ admonition to all of us; “Life is about laughing, living, and loving - not about working, worrying, and whining”.

In the final analysis, it is all about balance.

Families are there to help through the good and the bad

By Staff Sgt. Angela Pope
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. – I’ve seen the effects of suicide twice since joining the Air Force.

I’d been in for almost two years, and a young Airman who lived down the hallway from me in the dorm hanged himself. I didn’t know him; he had only been at the base for a couple of weeks, in the Air Force for a few months. I never found out why he felt he had no other way, but I’ve learned in my five years in the military there are always options. Someone is always willing to help.

My second brush with suicide happened recently. Again, it was a young Airman, new to the military

and to the base. I hadn’t met him, but we lived in the same apartment complex. A few weeks ago, he decided to take his own life.

Though I didn’t know either of the young Airmen, I shed tears in both cases. It was partly because it hurts to lose a family member, even when it’s not a blood relative, but mainly because I’ve also felt suicidal in my life.

I was 15 and my best friend in the entire world died – my dad. I didn’t understand why he had been taken from me. All I could think about was being with him again, and saying the things I never got the chance to say.

I decided I was going to kill myself so I could be with him again. My mom knew what I wanted to do and said something to me that

shook my world. It didn’t make sense to me then, but now, 10 years later, it does, and I thank her for saying it.

She told me my dad would be mad and wouldn’t want to see me if I did that, and I had no right to put her and the rest of my family through that. So, I stormed off to my room like any teenager would, and cried myself to sleep that night, and every night for the next week.

It took years for me to realize she was right. I think back on everything I’ve experienced since then, good and bad, and I’m grateful.

Not everyone in the military has someone on whom they can rely, someone to help them out of the fire.

But what every Airman does have is their Air Force family. The Air Force has resources to help with any

difficulty. People in the Air Force don’t look at dealing with life’s problems as a burden, they see a wonderful opportunity to make every member’s life that much better. And I can speak of that from personal experience, too.


Shortly after I joined the military, I married my boyfriend of two years. He soon became emotionally abusive, and we divorced a few months later. I was a wreck physically, mentally and financially. I dropped 20 pounds in less than two weeks. I couldn’t concentrate on work. I couldn’t pay my bills because of the mounting debts my ex-husband incurred and left for me to pay. I felt I was no good to myself or to the Air Force and I wanted out.

Thanks to a supervisor, a doctor, a

Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson

Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Bicycle rider needs to light up his life

I come to work at 5 a.m. through the Russell Parkway gate and pass a bicycle rider who doesn’t do enough to illuminate himself so traffic can see him. His bike has no lights on front or rear. There is a reflector on the right rear axel and reflective strips on his pedals as well as a 2-inch reflective strip across the back of his jacket. It’s still hard to see him because he wears dark clothing as well. I think it’s great he’s conserving gas and maintaining his fitness, but I would hate to see this guy get hurt because a driver wasn’t able to see him. What are the lighting rules for bicycles on base?

Commander’s reply: Thanks for the great question. During the summer months when more bikers are on the streets, we need to reemphasize the rules of the road. Georgia

State law requires that every bicycle in use at night have a headlight visible from at least 300 feet ahead, and a red rear reflector visible from 300 feet to the rear. State law and Air Force Instructions 91-207 and 31-204 also require that helmets be worn. Security forces will continue to emphasize and enforce these requirements on base.

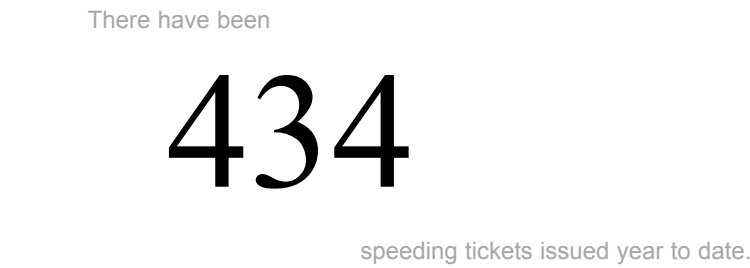
Concrete barriers on Richard Ray create obstruction

The new permanent concrete barriers being installed on Richard Ray Boulevard make it difficult to see oncoming traffic when approaching from Byron Street. The barriers are tall and placed too close to the street, which creates an obstruction. Drivers have to creep up beyond the crosswalk in order

to see vehicles coming down Richard Ray. Motorcycles and smaller, low profile vehicles are virtually impossible to see. Is it possible to change the corner barriers so that they don’t create an obstruction?

Commander’s reply: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We’ve received many questions about the barrier project around the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters buildings and on June 16, the contractor was notified to remove the two barriers as soon as possible. Civil engineering is redesigning the barriers on the southeast corner of Byron and Richard Ray. However, it will take some time to get the contracts reworked and funding arranged, so please continue to exercise caution in this area. These barriers are being installed as part of the Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection measures directed since 9/11.

Remember to slow down



How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.	10 miles = 3 points
	11 - 15 miles = 4 points
	16 - 20 miles = 5 points
	21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204




Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker



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mount up for EORI

By Lanorris Askew

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After months of dress rehearsals, it was show time this week for members of the 19th Air Refueling Group, and a 12-member Air Mobility Command inspector general team will soon give its reviews.

The team of inspectors arrived at Robins Sunday to evaluate the group's capabilities and wartime readiness.

According to Col. Raymond Rottman, 19th ARG commander, the Expeditionary Operational Readiness

Inspection is a Headquarters AMC inspection for the purpose of proving the group's worldwide capability to perform the command's mission.

"I'm really very proud of the effort the team has put forth," he said. "The group's 540 members have all been involved in the process. The entire operation is being tested and the 'Black Knights' are doing their absolute best."

The first phase of the inspection, known as the IR or Initial Response phase, took place this week and tested the group's ability to get its assets and people together, prepared and deployed from Robins to a forward operating location. The second phase called ATSO, or the ability to survive and operate, is somewhat different.

"Phase two is a wartime scenario where we operate in a chemical environment and prove we're able to do our mission in that environment," said the commander.

The group began its preparations last October and has participated in several operational exercises both on and off base since that time.

"We've worked really hard, and I think we're prepared for this inspection," said Airman 1st Class Jennifer Rifenberg.

The 21-year-old crew chief said this is her first inspection.

"We've been preparing and counting down the days until the EORI," she said, "and it's kind of exciting now that it's finally here."

Though there's an air of excitement, no one in the group takes the inspection lightly.

"This inspection is our most important report card," said Capt. George Johnson, 19th Maintenance Squadron maintenance operations officer and crisis action team member for the inspection. "Our job is to be ready, and the way that we are doing business today for the IG is the same way we do business every day."

Maj. Jon Claunch, 19th Aircraft maintenance Squadron commander, said it takes the entire team to make the inspection a success.

"We've been practicing long and hard, and I think the men and women are peaking both here with the aircraft generation effort - or initial response - and with deploying people to a forward operating location," he said. "From processing the packs to the people who are moving cargo to the people who are working the aircraft, they all have great attitudes and are leaning forward and making the mission happen."

In order to get their members to the fight for phase two, the 19th employed the efforts of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron which helped with the passenger processing and cargo marshalling.

Though no exact location or end date for phase two could be released, according to the colonel, the group will receive its grade Thursday during a formal out brief at Coates Hall.



Col. Raymond Rottman, 19th ARG commander, and the Black Knights have been preparing for the Expeditionary Operational Inspection since October.



Airman 1st Class Joel Greve, boom operator, checks out his controls in preparation for a flight.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Capt. Chris Schlachter, aircraft commander, does pre-flight checks.



Maj. Jon Claunch, left, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, talks with Capt. Douglas Reising, Air Mobility Command inspector general from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

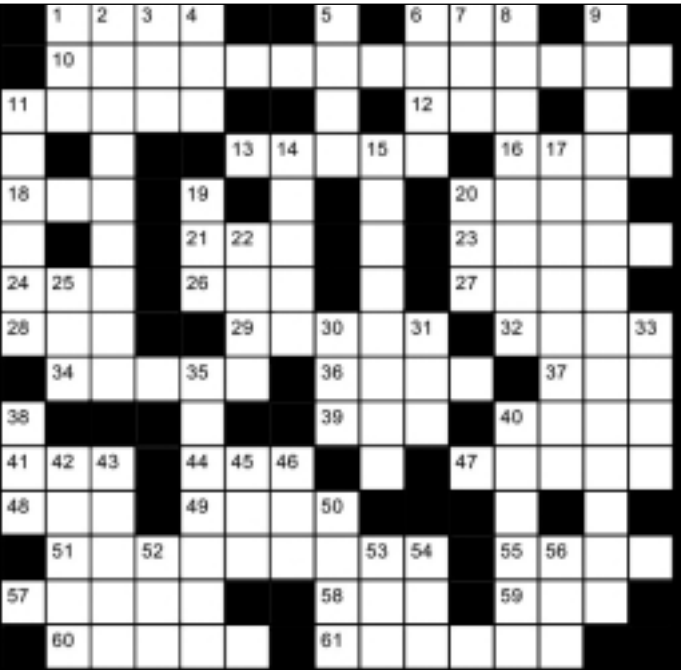


Above, Airman 1st Class Jessica Rifenberg monitors an aircraft during a fuel transfer.



Staff Sgt. Scott McVicker, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeff Wade work on the No. 4 engine pre-cooler exhaust cowl.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Badge of Honor

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Bite
- 6. ____ Alamos, N.M.
- 10. They may be 32E or 3E5X1
- 11. Large Central American plant used for rope
- 12. Neither’s partner
- 13. Badge for a 13S or 1C6X1
- 16. Southwest grocery store chain
- 18. Wears a 35P badge
- 20. Shifts for 24-hour workers
- 21. AF inspection for readiness
- 23. Magnitude
- 24. Aloha gift
- 26. “Nash Bridges” actor Johnson
- 27. Short note
- 28. Affirmative vote
- 29. Trite
- 32. Slavic person
- 34. Foe
- 36. Badge for a 35B or 3N1X1
- 37. Lubbock, TX, school
- 39. Korean War “Alley”; site of famous air battles
- 40. Round vegetables
- 41. ____ the season to be jolly...
- 44. Unit for 31P and 3P0X1, in short
- 47. Genesis
- 48. Colo. time zone
- 49. LA problem?
- 51. Badge for a 21L or 2G0X1
- 55. Woodwind instrument
- 57. Board
- 58. Meadow
- 59. X
- 60. European standard of measure
- 61. One of the plagues of Egypt?

DOWN

- 1. 201 to Julius Caesar
- 2. Badge for an 84H or 3H0X1
- 3. Actress Marie Saint of North by Northwest
- 4. Star Trek: Next Generation actor Wheaton
- 5. Ancient Peruvian culture
- 6. Type of Air Force officer category
- 7. Singer Yoko
- 8. Badge for a 34M or 3M0X1
- 9. Badge for a 21T or 2T1X1
- 11. Badge for a 2S0X1
- 14. Stain
- 15. Badge for a 52R
- 17. Car gauge
- 19. Badge for a 3E8X1, briefly
- 20. Medal above AF Commendation
- 22. What Santa’s cheeks were?
- 25. Shoe size
- 30. Badge for a 13B, briefly
- 31. School subject
- 33. Current POTUS
- 35. Badge for a 13S
- 38. Cash machine
- 40. Group of 11A, 11B, etc.
- 42. Religion
- 43. Actress Sharon
- 45. JP 1-02 acronym for selling to allies
- 46. Drunkard
- 50. Part of fish lung?
- 52. Acquire
- 53. Co. head?
- 54. Vesicle
- 56. Wager

For puzzle solution, see Aug. 13 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for July 30



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Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Heart link

A Heart Link seminar will be conducted today, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Officers’ Club. Heart Link is designed for people who have been Air Force spouses for five years or less. Experience a full day of fun & activities while learning how the Air Force works and your role in fulfilling the Air Force mission.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of

Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop is Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are taken on first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Monday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building. 945, FSC annex.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8:30 – noon., in Building 905, Room 159. Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Management Flight, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

Federal resume writing class

The FSC will conduct a federal resume writing class Thursday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

SERVICES BRIEFS

CDC East and West

The Child Development Center has immediate openings for limited number of children, ages 6 weeks - 6 months and no waiting for ages 3 - 5. Child care fees are determined by total family income and cover 50 hours of care per child, per week. These National Association for Education of Young Children accredited centers in buildings 943 and 946, Tenth Street, are open Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. To register, go to www.robins.af.mil/services or visit the Family Child Care office, second floor of Building 767, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. To tour a facility, call Pam Martinez at 926-5805 or Tommy Henson at 926-3080. For more information, call Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator, at 926-6741.

ITT

The skills development center and ITT have joined forces to sell excess inventory at the yard sale at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, Aug. 14, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for on the Saturday prior to the event. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Building 767.

Join ITT on a day-trip to the Mall of Georgia Sept. 18. Mall of Georgia features Dillard’s, JC Penney, Lord & Taylor, Nordstrom and Rich’s - Macy’s, plus more than 225 other stores such as A/X Armani Exchange, Ann Taylor, Barnes & Noble, Banana Republic, Delia’s, Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware, and Williams-Sonoma. A 57-passenger tour bus, featuring on-board restrooms, will be reserved for this shopping trip. Cost is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-club members and includes complimentary breakfast. The tour bus will depart from the parking lot across from the Smith Community Center at 8:30 a.m., and departure from the mall will be at 7 p.m. A minimum of 30 people must sign up by Sept. 3 at ITT. For more information, call 926-2945.

Busch Gardens and Sea World are holding military appreciation days now through Nov. 11. Ticket cost is \$45.

Officers’ Club

Dance the night away to big band sounds Aug. 14 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Come early and order dinner from the menu. Dining is available from 6 - 9 p.m.



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There will be rides and attractions for this year’s summer bash held in Robins Park Saturday from 4 - 9 p.m.

on Fridays and Saturdays.

A Boss N’ Buddy night will be held Aug. 18 at 5 p.m.at the Wellston behind the Officers’ Club. A trivia contest will be held along with free tacos and wings. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

Summer bash

A grand fireworks display will conclude Let’s Celebrate Summer Bash around 9:20 p.m. Saturday over Duck Lake. Those attending the bash will have the chance to win prizes to include five-night/six-day Kissimmee-St. Cloud package for two, a weekend stay and golf package for two at Jekyll Island, four passes for two free admissions to High Museum of Art, four tickets to the October Atlanta Opera performance of Carmen, one night weekend stay at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, two night/three day stay at the Red Horse Inn in Orlando, Fla., one year family membership to the Michael C. Carlos Museum, Stanley Steamer Carpet & Upholstery spot remover, \$25 gift certificate to Publix, two Emerald Coast beach baskets, two passes for the Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta, four Braves Museum & Hall of Fame

passes, four Turner Field tour passes, two tickets to the October Atlanta Ballet performance of Dracula, two night/three day stay at Days Inn Cocoa Beach, Fla., and four tickets to the Atlanta Falcons, four tickets to the Atlanta Zoo, dinner certificate for two on the Southern Belle Riverboat, one night stay at AmeriSuites, one night stay at the Cayo Grande Suites Hotel, one Emerald Coast beach CD case, kids Starcadia coupons, Summer Bash T-shirts, sports bags, Sandy the Dog dolls.

Bash will be held in Robins Park (across from the Enlisted Club) from 4 - 9 p.m. For more information, call 926-2105.

Youth Center

A Science Adventure Rocketry camp will be held Monday - Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. At this camp children, ages 7 - 12, will build and launch rockets. The camp objective is to improve science literacy by involving children in fun and exciting hands on lessons that are based on National Science Standards. Children will be introduced to thematic science concepts as they build projects, conduct experiments, and take part in a variety of science activities. Cost is \$20 per child. For more information, call Debra Bargie, Youth Center director, at 926-2110.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship. Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue. Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2. The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

Reunion concert set for Sept. 12

There will be a reunion concert Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Base Chapel. The concert will feature Robins Gospel Experience Choir, Robins Chancel Choir, New Hope Baptist Church of Perry Inc. Male Choir and a special guest choir.

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

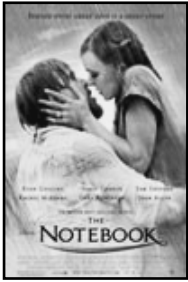
Friday 7:30 p.m. – White Chicks – Shawn Wayans and Marlon Wayans



Two FBI agents try to get back into their boss’s good graces by taking on a job guarding the Wilton sisters, two New York City hotel heiresses, from a serial kidnapper. They fail, and the two women are abducted. The agents then go undercover, dressing up as the titular “white chicks” to solve the crime and rescue the victims. Rated PG-13 (crude and sexual humor, language and some drug content) 105 minutes

Saturday 7:30 p.m. – The Notebook – James Garner and Gena Rowlands

A man reads from a faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits, his words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II, then passionately reunited seven years later after they have taken different paths. Though her memory has faded, his words give her the chance to relive her turbulent youth and the unforgettable love they shared. Rated PG-13 (some sexuality) 121 minutes



Robins civil service employees tour state in Bike Ride Across Georgia

By Holly J. Logan
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While most people’s idea of a fun vacation may involve heading south in a motor home, Debbie McDonald and Jane Mann chose a different mode of transportation - bicycles. Mrs. McDonald, Financial Management Branch chief with the Armament and Specialized Management Directorate, and Mrs. Mann, a cost analyst with the Maintenance Directorate’s Commodities and Industrial Products Division, were among 1,800 people who peddled in the nearly 400-mile week-long bicycle tour, the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, commonly known as the BRAG, June 12 through 19.

An avid bicyclist and marathon runner, Mrs. McDonald, said her curiosity about the bicycle tour was piqued when a fellow runner at a road race, sporting a T-shirt with the BRAG logo, told her about the event. “It just sounded like a lot of fun,” she said. “You meet a lot of people and it’s a good way to see the state because you’re moving at a slower pace.” Mrs. Mann, a five-time marathon runner who met Mrs. McDonald through a

What to know

The Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, commonly known to avid bicyclists as the BRAG, is a bicycle tour that typically covers 300 to 400 miles of the peach state. This year’s participants paid a fee of \$145 per person, including refreshments, meals and other related items. The tentative route for BRAG 2005 will cover from Atlanta to Jekyll Island. For more information, visit www.brag.org.

mutual acquaintance at Robins, said after hearing about the BRAG she was convinced it was something she wanted to try.

“You see parts of Georgia you wouldn’t otherwise see on a day-to-day basis,” she said. “Mostly, when you want to get from point A to point B, you want to get on the interstate where you can go the fastest. This allowed us to enjoy all the scenery you miss when you travel like that.”

Cyclists camped in tents at various schools and were provided meals and refreshments on the trip that introduced them to a fellow cyclist who biked while playing the piano with one hand and other interesting encounters along the way.



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Jane Mann, left, and Debbie McDonald, civilian employees at Robins, participated in the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia in June. The tour covers several hundred miles.

The two women began training for the bicycle tour in February, riding 15 to 45-mile routes in Mrs. McDonald’s home area of Cochran, Ga., and Mrs. Mann’s neighborhood in Warner Robins. Two months prior, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Mann participated in the Pre-BRAG ride in Milledgeville, Ga.

“I think it’s a wonderful activity,” Mrs. Mann said. “You get to meet a lot of nice people, and it’s great fitness.”

While cycling is viewed

by some as a great exercise choice and enjoyable activity, Jamie Martin, fitness program manager at the Health and Wellness Center here, said proper physical preparation and a physician’s guidance is recommended before taking up the cycling activity.

“The first thing people should do is assess their current levels of fitness,” he said. “Then, they can develop an exercise prescription. In general, for an endurance event, you need to increase 10 percent a week in your endurance.”

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Friendly Fridays will be held in August. Two can bowl for the price of one daily, 1 - 4 p.m.

Let’s roll back to school is slated for Aug. 27, 6 - 9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes pizza and a drink.

Fitness Center

The Health and Wellness Center basketball court will be closed through Aug. 13, and possibly longer, to put in a new wood floor.

Men’s and women’s varsity basketball coaches are needed for the upcoming season. To be considered, submit a resume to Kenneth Porter at the Fitness Center by 4 p.m. Aug. 20.

Intramural flag football letters of intent are due by the close of business today. A coaches’ meeting will be conducted

Tuesday, and the season kicks off around Aug. 16. For details, call 926-2128.

A body fat analysis is slated for Aug. 18, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wear a comfortable shirt and shorts and do not exercise before the assessment.

Golf Course

A Cha Cha Cha tourney is scheduled for Aug. 28 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 for annual green fee members and \$55 for guests, and includes breakfast, lunch, drinks on course, green fee and cart fee. Play a six-hole scramble, six-hole two-low net and six-hole one-low gross.

Golf 4 Kids provides children, ages 8 - 13, with a solid foundation about the game, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior, and how to maintain speed of play. For \$50, participants receive eight hours of

small group instruction in three supervised on-course playing experiences. Participants also receive a Golf 4 Kids logo T-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will receive a free set of Ram junior clubs. Classes will be held from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27 for kids ages 8 - 10 and Sept. 28, 30, Oct. 5, 7 and 12 for kids ages 11 - 13.

For more information, call 926-4103.

Golf tournament

The Contracting Directorate golf tournament will be Oct. 1 at Waterford Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$40.

To register, contact Angela Harris at 222-1922 or angela.harris2@robins.af.mil or Jason Dozier at 926-7055 or jason.dozier@robins.af.mil.

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Man at work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Brian Ware, with Stevens Gymnasium of Roswell, Ga., installs hardwood flooring in the old Fitness Center gym Monday. The basketball court was originally planned to open Aug. 13, but the renovation may take longer.

Fire department shares safety tips

Base Fire Department

August is the time to roll up your sleeves and eliminate fire hazards with good housekeeping practices.

Listed below are a few fire safety tips to keep yourself, your family, your co-workers and your friends safe by eliminating possible hazards:

- Maintain custodial supply storage areas and work areas in an orderly and safe condition.
- Read and follow the instructions for proper storage and handling printed on the label of bathroom and kitchen cleaning supplies.
- Don't store combustibles in or around water heaters and furnace units; in mechanical, electrical or boiler rooms; or under stairwells.
- Keep all areas free of large accumulations of combustible materials.
- Attics and concealed spaces should be kept clean. No storage of any type should be permitted in these areas except in military family housing.
- Flammable liquids should

never be stored in glass jars. All safety containers should be UL Listed or Factory Mutual Approved.

- Flammable items should be stored in approved flammable storage cabinets in the work place.
- Keep flammables away from children and sources of ignition.
- Never store gasoline or other flammable items inside your home or work area.
- Never use gasoline to clean mechanical parts or to kill fire ants around the home.
- Ensure all power equipment and associated items are stored safely.
- Lawnmowers provide all the ingredients for an easy mishap. Ensure that your lawnmower is maintained and follow all safety precautions in accordance with the manufacturer's operating manual.
- Don't smoke while handling flammables or combustible liquids.
- Never use a grill inside your home, garage or structur-

- al building.
 - Don't use grill under balconies, carports or under the eaves of any structure.
 - Use extreme caution when using charcoal lighter fluid and never use gasoline or any other flammable to ignite charcoal.
 - Wet down all coals and ashes with water to eliminate any fire or sparks when finished grilling.
 - Make sure all coals and ashes are cold safe and removed from the grill prior to storing inside the garage or storage shed.
 - Grills that use propane tanks must be stored outside.
 - Never store propane tanks inside any structure.
 - Make sure the main gas control valve on the tank has been closed and allow the grill to cool down prior to storage.
- Good housekeeping and cleanliness are essential factors in preventing work place and home fires.
- For additional information, call the Fire Prevention office at 926-2145.

Promotion study list now available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Promotion-eligible enlisted Airmen can now find which materials to study for the 2005 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is now available at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing. The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff

through chief master sergeant.

The institute staff will begin shipping the course study material in September for people testing for staff, technical and master sergeant. If career development study material is not received by November, Airmen should contact their unit promotion testing monitor to initiate follow-up actions, said officials.

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Girl Scouts from Robins traveled to New York City Memorial Day weekend. The Statue of Liberty re-opened Tuesday for tours.

‘I wanna be a part of it – New York, New York’

By Allison P. White
Second year Troop leader

Robins Cadette/Senior Girl Scout Troop 260 traveled to New York City on May 29 to celebrate Memorial Day week-end.

The group consisted of Senior Girl Scout Alaina Garret; Cadette Girl Scouts Brittany Barnes, Emily Bassett, Kristi Gonzales, Mary Gaul, Jennifer Kerhin, Courtney Logan, Andrea Tingerthal and Darlene Waite; Troop helper Chantel Logan; and chaperones Martha ‘Marty’ Gaul, RN, and Allison White, Troop leader.

The 2003-2004 year started

off with a bang in August with the Troop earning numerous badges and completing many projects that helped the local community. In January, the girls surpassed their goal of selling 2,000 boxes of cookies by selling 4,728. The Troop earned \$5,270 by selling cookies, washing cars, hosting appreciation dinners and receiving donations to fund the trip.

While in New York for four days, the group visited Ground Zero, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ellis Island, the Chrysler Building, the Empire State Building, Central Park and Times Square. The group

saw the Broadway show “The Phantom of the Opera,” and attended an evening service at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

The Troop also attended the June 1 live taping of Good Morning America where hosts Tony Perkins and Charles Gibson contributed \$41 to the girls New York City fund.

The girls met and spoke with rising country music singer Julie Roberts and her band.

If you would like to volunteer with the Girl Scouts, contact Allison White at lsugcsu@cox.net. Leaders are needed for the upcoming 2004-2005 year.

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